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The meeting was called to order at 10.50 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA, THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA (S/23021)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members, document S/23021, concerning the applications of the Republic of Estonia (S/23002), the Republic of Latvia (S/23003) and the Republic of Lithuania (S/23004) for admission to membership in the United Nations.

In paragraph 4 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions: A, on the application of the Republic of Estonia for admission to the United Nations; B, on the application of the Republic of Latvia for admission to the United Nations; and C, on the application of the Republic of Lithuania for admission to the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote draft resolution A, draft resolution B and draft resolution C contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

I therefore declare that draft resolution A contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/23021) has been adopted without a vote as resolution 709 (1991); draft resolution B contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members

(The President)

(S/23021) has been adopted without a vote as resolution 710 (1991); and draft resolution C contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/23021) has been adopted without a vote as resolution 711 (1991).

Furthermore, in paragraph 3 of the report the Committee also recommends to the Council that it should have recourse to the provisions of the last paragraph of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure in order to present its recommendations to the upcoming forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, which is due to open next week. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Council wishes to depart from the time-limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60.

It is so decided.

I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania be admitted to membership in the United Nations. I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

> "I indeed appreciate the honour bestowed on me, as President of the Security Council, to say on behalf of all its members, how pleased it is to recommend to the General Assembly that it admit the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to membership in the United Nations.

(The President)

"It is a pleasure, but it is also a serious matter, for this is a solemn decision of great symbolic and historic importance that the Council is taking. The wheels of history have been turning. The winds of freedom have been blowing down old structures. We are entering a world where perhaps there is less order, but where there is ever more hope.

"The independence of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania was restored peacefully, by means of dialogue, with the consent of the parties concerned, and in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the three peoples. We can only welcome this development, which obviously represents progress in respecting the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in attaining its objectives.

"To the representatives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, I should like to say 'Welcome'. The Council unanimously took the view that your States meet the conditions laid down in rule 60 for the admission of Members, namely, that they should be 'peace-loving' and 'able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter'.

(The President)

"I am confident that as new Members of the United Nations, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will make a constructive contribution to the efforts to promote and uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter.

"It is now for the General Assembly to ratify the judgement of the Council and to enable you to rightfully regain your place within the community of nations. Thus, this forty-sixth session will see the United Nations, with 166 Members, progress towards the universality which is one of its fundamental principles."

There being no speakers, I take it that the Council has thus concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.